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Our Reference: VMF-492-A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Dominique Gerrand & Pascal Renoux
Serial Number: 09/889,079
Filing Date: July 11, 2001
Examiner/Art Group Unit: Smith, Julie Knecht/3682
Title: MOTOR VEHICLE WIPER GEAR MOTOR
WITH BASE AND CORE

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The Office Action dated May 9, 2003 has been received and carefully reviewed. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

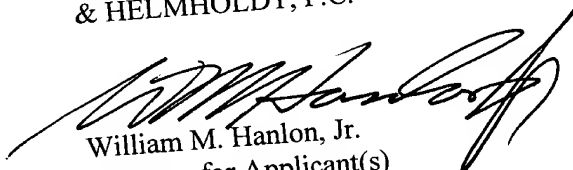
REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 9, 2003, the Examiner requested a formal written summary of the telephone interview on May 1, 2003. Because the previous Office Action has already been filed, Applicants have been given one month from the interview date to file the statement of the interview. Applicants' attorney would like to thank the Examiner for her courtesies extended during that telephone interview.

The interview included discussions regarding specific wording required by the Examiner to place the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner did not believe any wording, with respect to the seal which included conduction of electrical current, would be allowable. Applicants' attorney questioned the Examiner as to whether there was complete understanding of the prior art because some of the rejections with respect to the dependent claims which contained details of the seal design were not rejected based on prior art references to gaskets and seals. The claims included an annular wall extending around the core, temporary fixation means which include J-shaped elements, and slot openings to remove the seal from engagement with the core. These claims were apparently rejected based on patents disclosing two separate metal housings having slots and mating stops and not on a seal having these features. The Examiner stated that she would have to look into those details more closely.

Respectfully submitted,

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